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DRUIG, the current Prime Eternal, determined that Earth's mutants represent excess deviation--and therefore, he has set out to destroy them all. Druig unleashed the **HEX**, giant Eternals, to attack the mutant nation of **KRAKOA**, triggering war.

A faction of the **ETERNALS** opposed to Druig's plan worked together with the **AVENGERS** and the kidnapped mutant geneticist, **MR. SINISTER**. Together, they used the Avengers' headquarters, the deceased body of a Celestial, to create a new, living god--the **PROGENITOR**. However, once awakened, the Progenitor announced to everyone on Earth that within 24 hours they would all be judged. And if found lacking...all will die! The Progenitor began to carry out its judgments across the globe, against heroes, villains and civilians alike.

The Progenitor rendered its final judgment and has now set out to destroy the Earth. A small team of **AVENGERS**, **X-MEN** and **ETERNALS** have gone inside the Progenitor in an attempt to activate its self-destruct mechanism.

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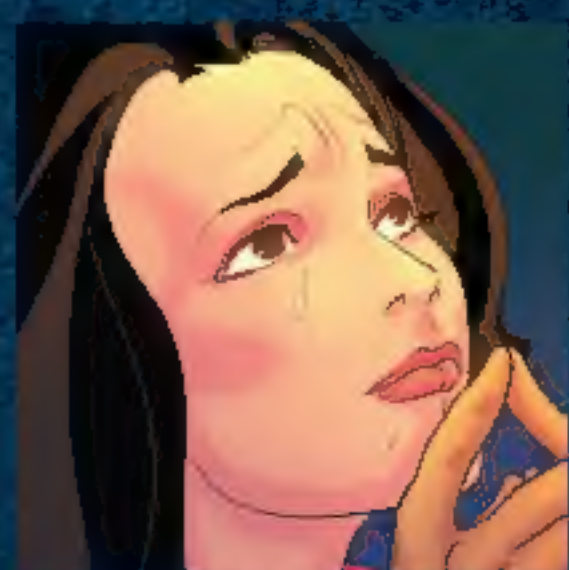
THE PROGENITOR

AVENGERS



IRON MAN

ETERNALS



AJAK



SERSI

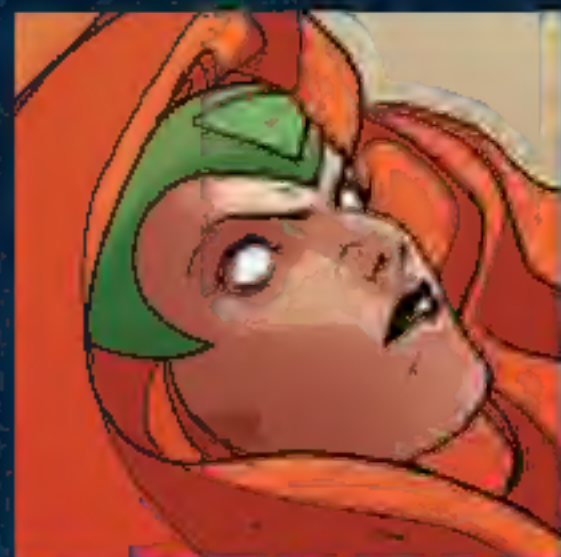


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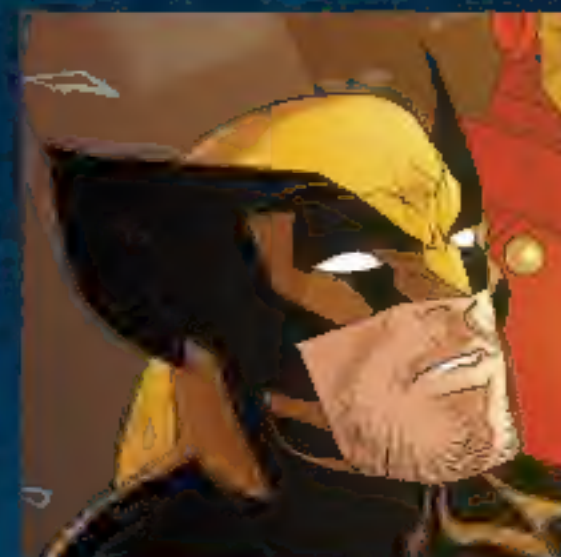


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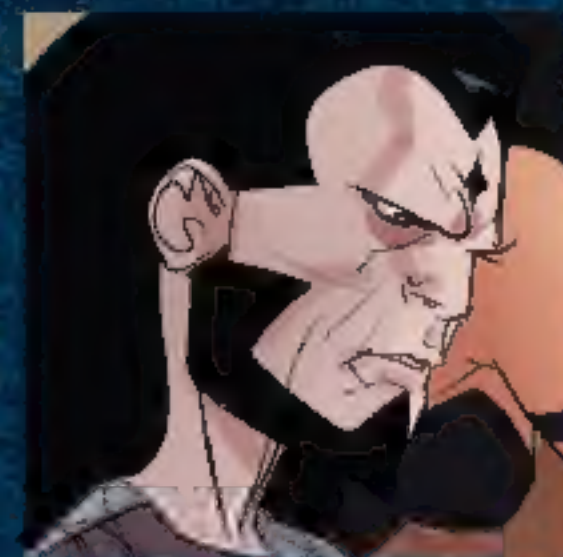
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JEAN GREY



WOLVERINE



MR. SINISTER

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JUDGMENT DAY



DEEP WITHIN THE
PROGENITOR.

GET THE
HELL OUT OF
OUR WAY!

WE
HAVEN'T GOT
ALL DAY!





I THOUGHT SHE WASN'T THE PHOENIX ANYMORE.



SHE'S STILL JEAN, AND JEAN WAS ALL THE FIRE ANYONE EVER NEEDED.

SHE'LL CALM DOWN.



LET'S HOPE SHE DOESN'T.

OH, SAVE ME FROM PRIESTS AND BELIEF. DON'T GIVE ME BELIEF.

I BELIEVE WE'RE MAKING GOOD PROGRESS.

GIVE US FACTS! GIVE US EMPIRICAL EVIDENCE! GIVE ME SOMETHING WE CAN USE!



I STILL HAVE THE GAG WE USED ON SINISTER SOMEWHERE.

HAH.

WHAT... WHAT DID SHE SIGN?

I REFUSE TO BE MOCKED BY ANYONE WHO ISN'T EVEN WEARING EPAULETS--



SAVE IT
FOR THE GALA,
SINISTER.

OKAY,
MORE ANTIBODIES
INCOMING.

WHERE
TO NOW,
AJAK?

I NEED TIME TO ASCERTAIN
OUR COURSE.

OH DEAR.
JEAN...IT SEEMS THESE
CONSTRUCTS ARE RUBBING
UP AGAINST THE FIRST
PRINCIPLE.

WE
ETERNALS
CAN'T
FIGHT THEM
UNLESS
YOU...

PRINCIPLE
BYPASS:
KICK THEIR
ASSES.



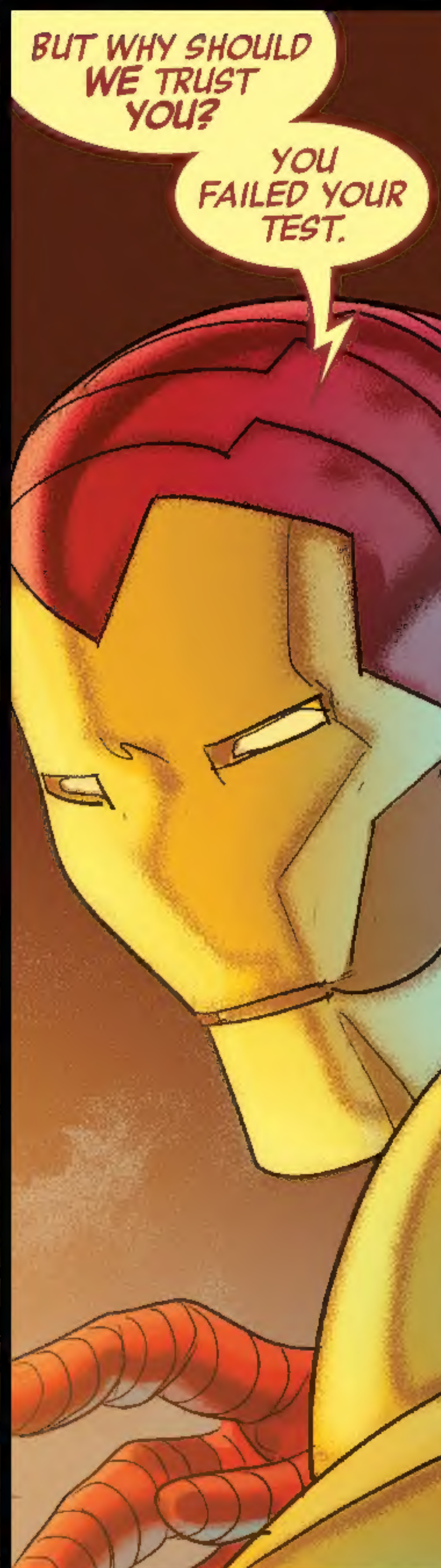
SERSI...I GET THE PRIESTS.
THEY BUILT THIS THING. I
GET SINISTER--HE'S A
WEIRDO EXPERT.

I GET WOLVERINE, SNEAKING, STABBING AND JEAN'S
COMFORT ANIMAL. AND I GET JEAN. AS IF
ANYONE COULD SAY NO.

BUT...



*IN AXE: JUDGMENT DAY #1. --TOM



THEN.

YOU CAN'T
TELL THE HUMANS,
IKARIS.

YOU
CAN'T.

HOW CAN
I **NOT**? WHEN
WE DIE, A HUMAN
IS EXTINGUISHED
TO BRING US
BACK.

I AM
MEANT TO GUARD
THEM. I DIED TO PROTECT
THEM SO MANY TIMES,
AND EACH TIME I
DID, I...

THEY
HAVE TO
KNOW!

THINK, IKARIS. IT'S NOT IN
YOUR NATURE, BUT **THINK**.
THE ETERNALS WOULD LIVE
WITH THIS **FOREVER**.

EVEN IF
WE COULD FIND
A WAY TO REMOVE
OUR IMMORTALITY,
THE SIN WOULD
STILL BE
THERE.

WE WOULD
NEVER BE HEROES
AGAIN.

GOOD. WE ARE
NOT HEROES.

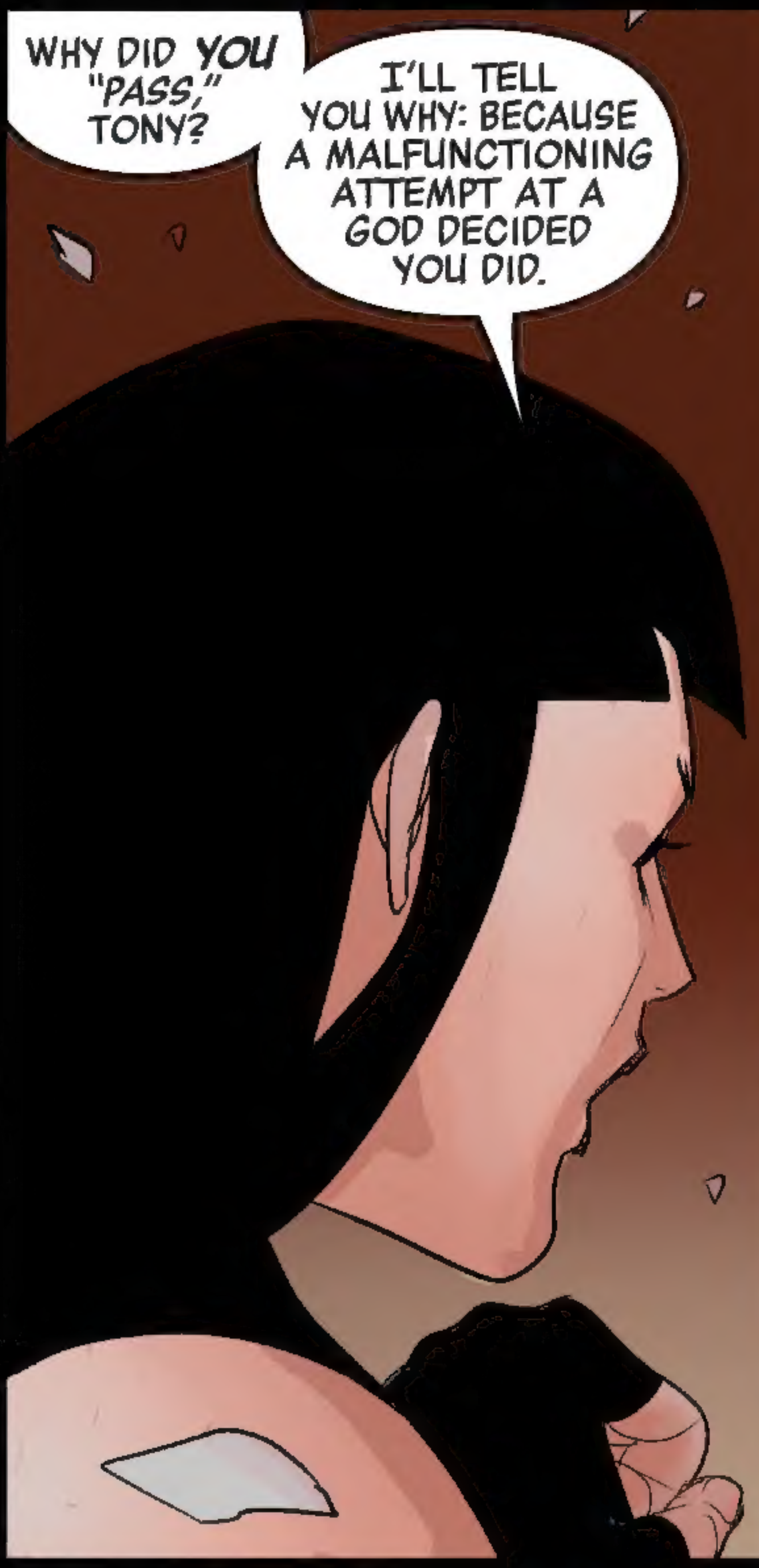
YOU
DON'T GET IT.
YOU'RE MAKING THE
CHOICE FOR **ALL**
ETERNALS.

YOU CAN'T
CHOOSE A
PUNISHMENT FOR
EVERYONE.

HEY! JACK OF
KNIVES. LOOKING
FOR WORK?

OF COURSE
YOU ARE, YOU BUSY
LITTLE BEE.

WELL, I
HAVE A FRIEND
WHO I NEED TO
TRICK INTO THINKING
HE HAS TO STAY QUIET
ABOUT A CERTAIN
INCONVENIENT
TRUTH...



WHY DID YOU
"PASS,"
TONY?

I'LL TELL
YOU WHY: BECAUSE
A MALFUNCTIONING
ATTEMPT AT A
GOD DECIDED
YOU DID.



IT'S BASED ON **YOUR** NERVOUS SYSTEM.
CLEARLY YOU'RE NARCISSISTIC ENOUGH
TO PASS YOURSELF.

I THINK
YOU'LL FIND MY
NARCISSISM IS CUT
WITH A HEALTHY
SHARE OF SELF-
LOATHING...



...AND
YOU'RE
DEFLECTING
AGAIN.



I WAS.
SPECIFICALLY, I
WAS DEFLECTING THE
FLOATING THINGS THAT
WERE ABOUT TO
KILL YOU.



CAN WE GET A MOVE ON? I'M GETTING TIRED, AND
IF WE MANAGE TO SAVE THE WORLD, I'LL HAVE
TO SEGUE STRAIGHT INTO ORGANIZING A "WE'VE
SAVED THE WORLD" PARTY...

I'M SORRY, TONY. I'M BEING MEAN. I'M...FRUSTRATED AND SURPRISED IT JUDGES US ETERNALS AT ALL.

WE'RE CREATURES OF SCRIPTURE AND CODING. WE'RE COMPELLED. WHAT CHOICES DO WE HAVE, ULTIMATELY?

THE SCRIPTURE IS INTERPRETED. IT CAN JUDGE US ON OUR INTERPRETATIONS. AND IT DID.

I FAILED.

THAT'S A GOOD POINT. WHO STILL HAS AN OUTSTANDING TEST?

I DO. I'M SURE IT'S SAVING THE BEST FOR LAST.

IT STARTED MY JUDGMENT AND THEN STOPPED.

I AWAIT ITS FINAL VERDICT.

MORE COMING. WE NEED TO MOVE.

WELL, AJAK, MAYBE YOUR TEST IS TO JUST GET US TO THE CENTER OF THIS REALITY-WARPING MAZE FROM HELL?

WHICH WAY?

ARE YOU LISTENING?

WHICH--?



MY
PRIEST.



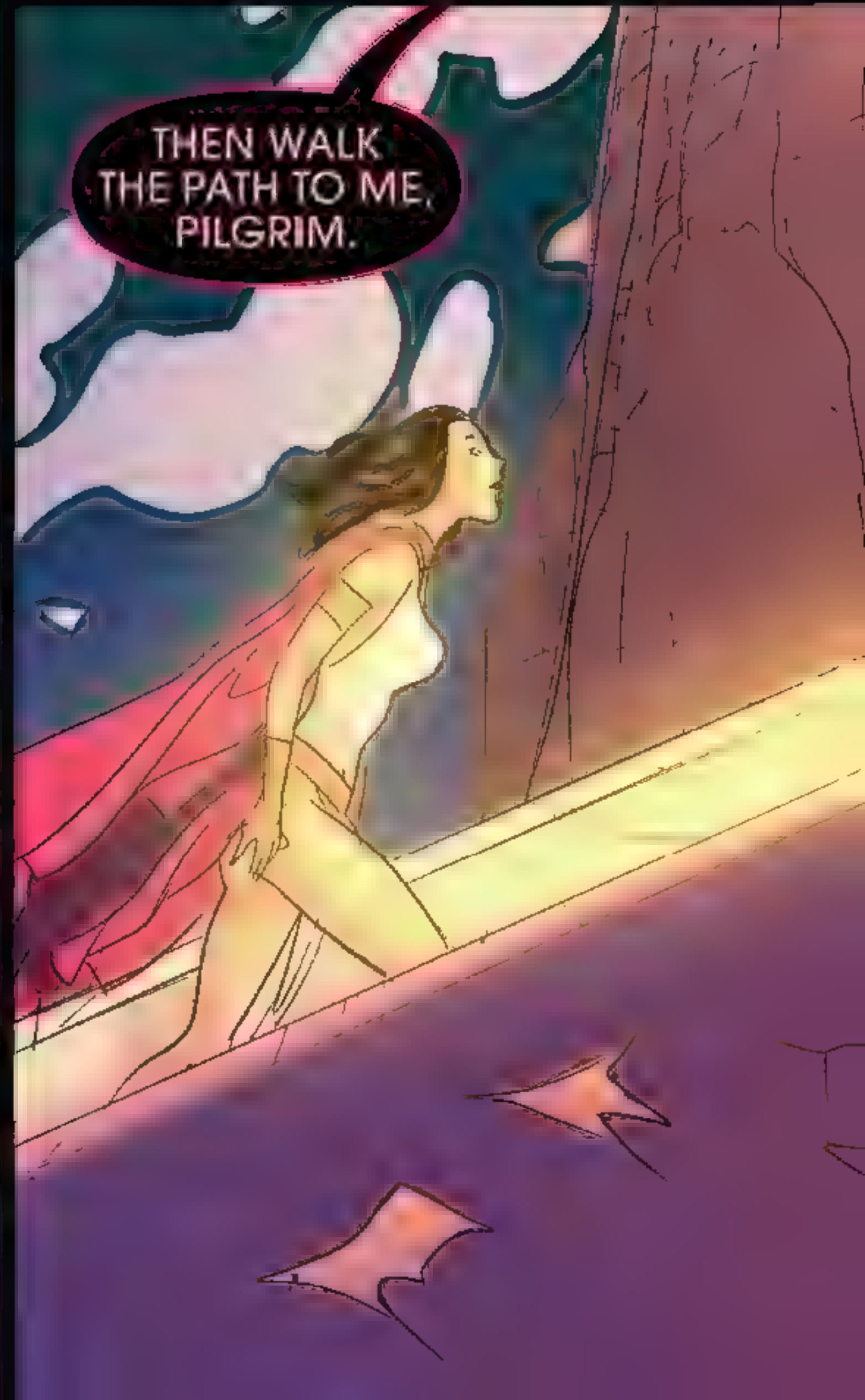
YOU
BELIEVE I CAN
BE THIS?



AYE.



THEN WALK
THE PATH TO ME,
PILGRIM.





Hey, Ajak!

DO I KNOW YOU?

I HAVE NO MEMORY.



No, we've never met. I'm Cataka.

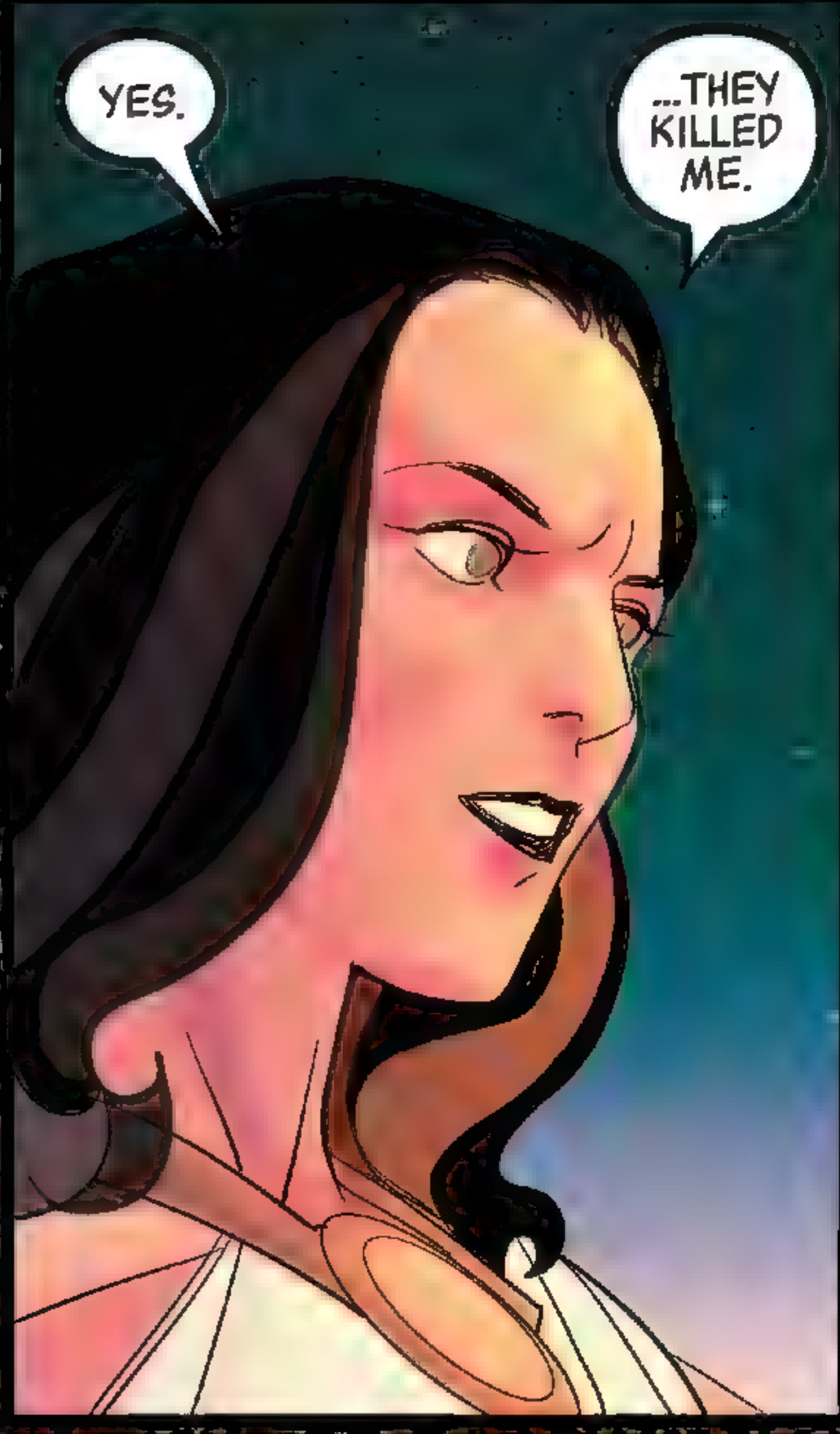
These are my kids. Say hi to the nice lady.

Hey, Ajak!



Remember a long time ago, when you were first created, you went and fought the prehistoric Avengers?

A million years ago or so?



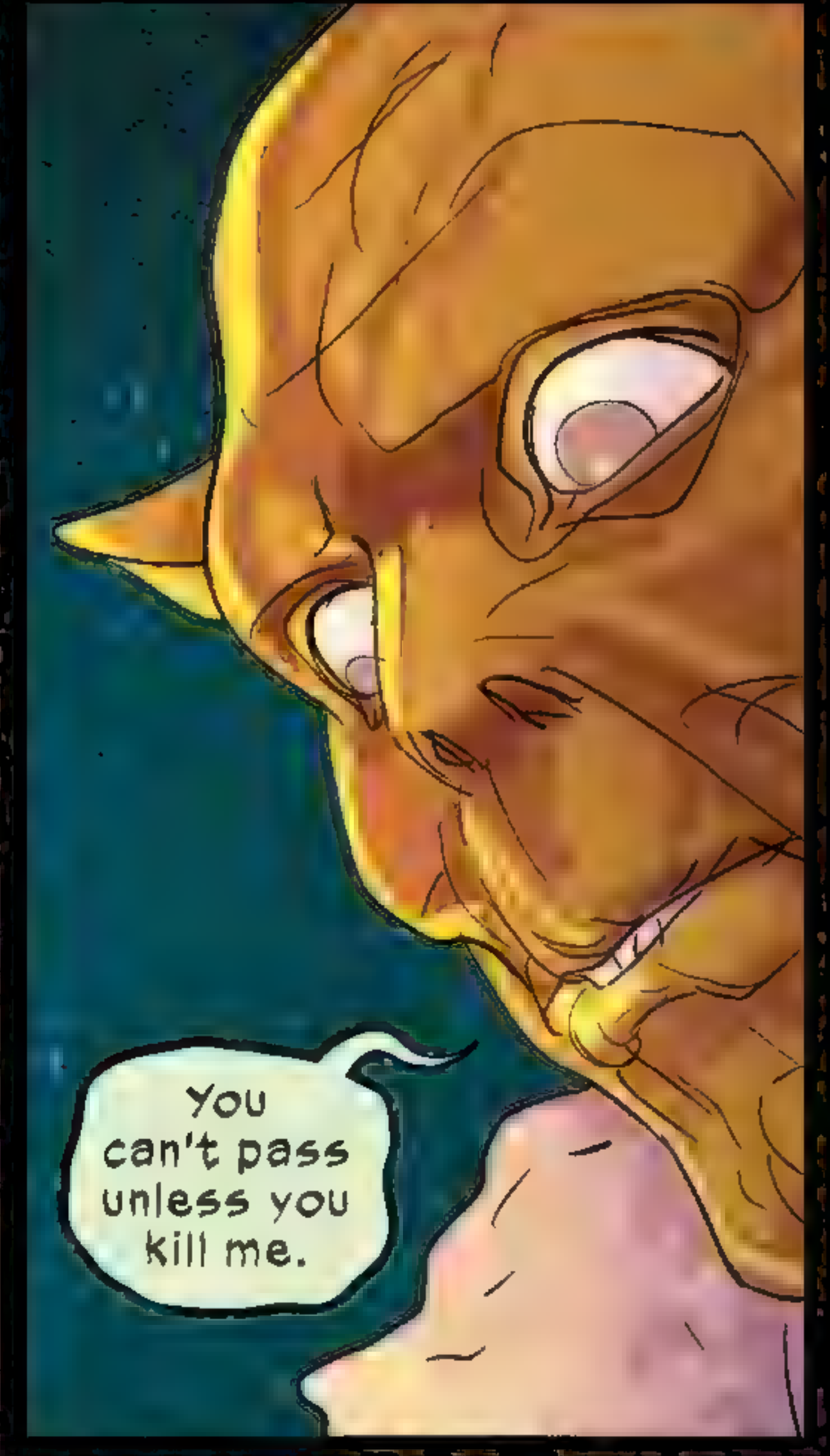
YES.

...THEY KILLED ME.

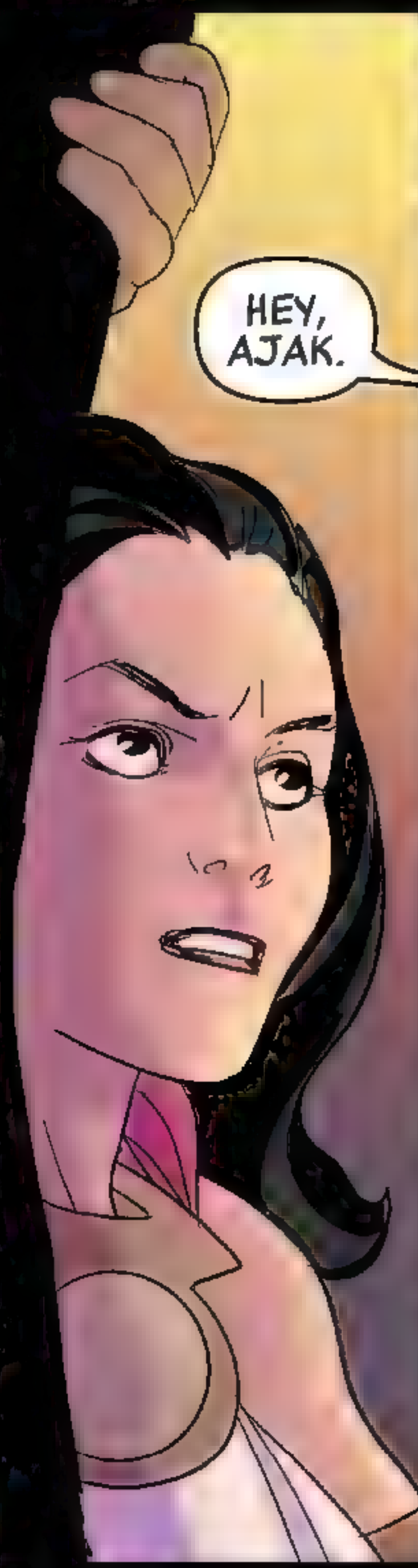


And then I died so you could come back.

I was the first mortal life you took.



You can't pass unless you kill me.



HEY,
AJAK.

I'M VART.
DO YOU KNOW
WHY HUMANS WERE
EXISTENT AROUND
ONE MILLION
BC?

INTERESTING
STORY--APPARENTLY,
MY GRANDMOTHER WAS
PART OF A GROUP THAT
FELL INTO A CHRONAL
RIFT WHICH--



HOW
MANY MUST
I KILL?



ALL OF
THEM, MY
PRIEST.



A MILLION YEARS OF DEATH
ON YOUR HANDS.

EVERY ONE
A STEP TOWARD
ME.

I NEED
YOU TO REMEMBER
ALL THE STEPS.



YOU
ARE CRUEL,
MY GOD.

BUT...



"...AS YOU WISH."

I RE-WALKED A PATH MADE OF BONES THAT I CARVED FROM LIVING FLESH.

DO I PASS?

NOT YET. I FAILED SERSI BECAUSE SHE WORKED TOWARD HIDING THIS FROM THE HUMANS.

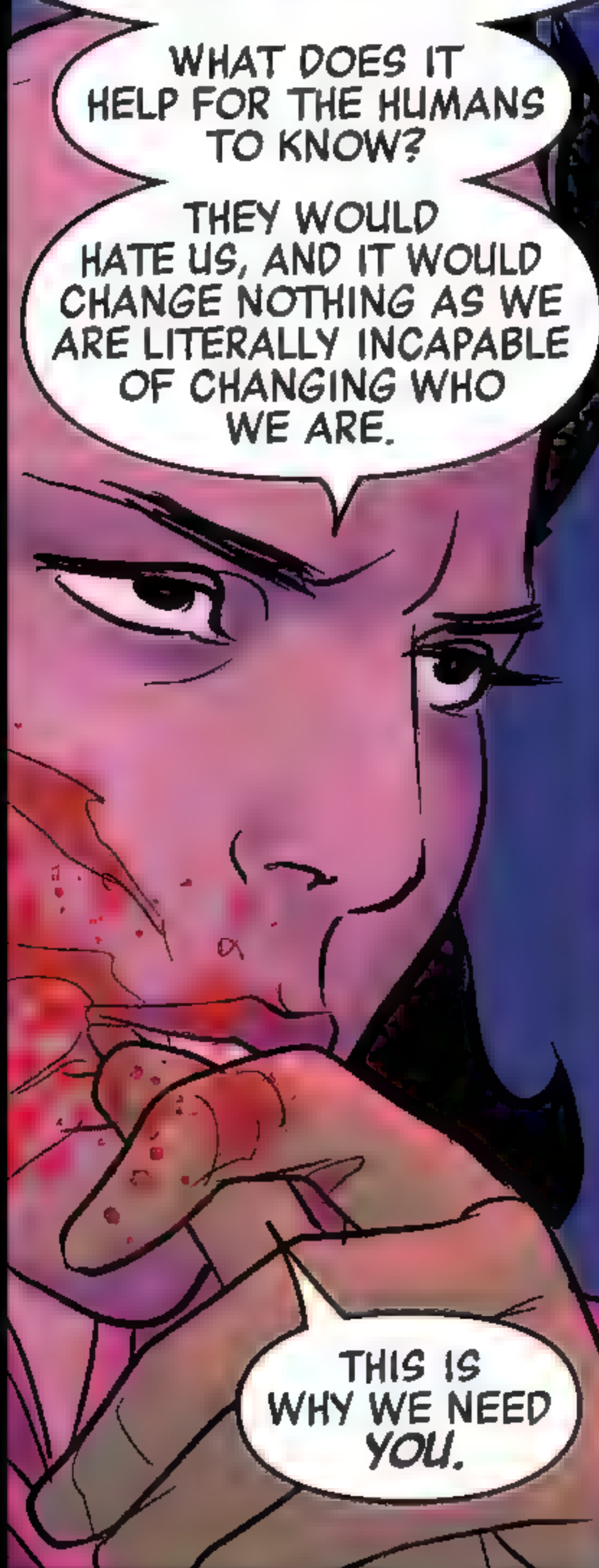


YOU HAVE KNOWN THIS SECRET...BUT NOT REVEALED IT. WHY?

I AM A PRIEST, BUT I AM ALSO PRACTICAL.

WHAT DOES IT HELP FOR THE HUMANS TO KNOW?

THEY WOULD HATE US, AND IT WOULD CHANGE NOTHING AS WE ARE LITERALLY INCAPABLE OF CHANGING WHO WE ARE.



THIS IS WHY WE NEED YOU.

I DID NOT DIE DELIBERATELY OR CALLOUSLY. I SAVED THE WORLD MANY TIMES.

YES, I HAVE PROFITED FROM OTHERS' LOSS...

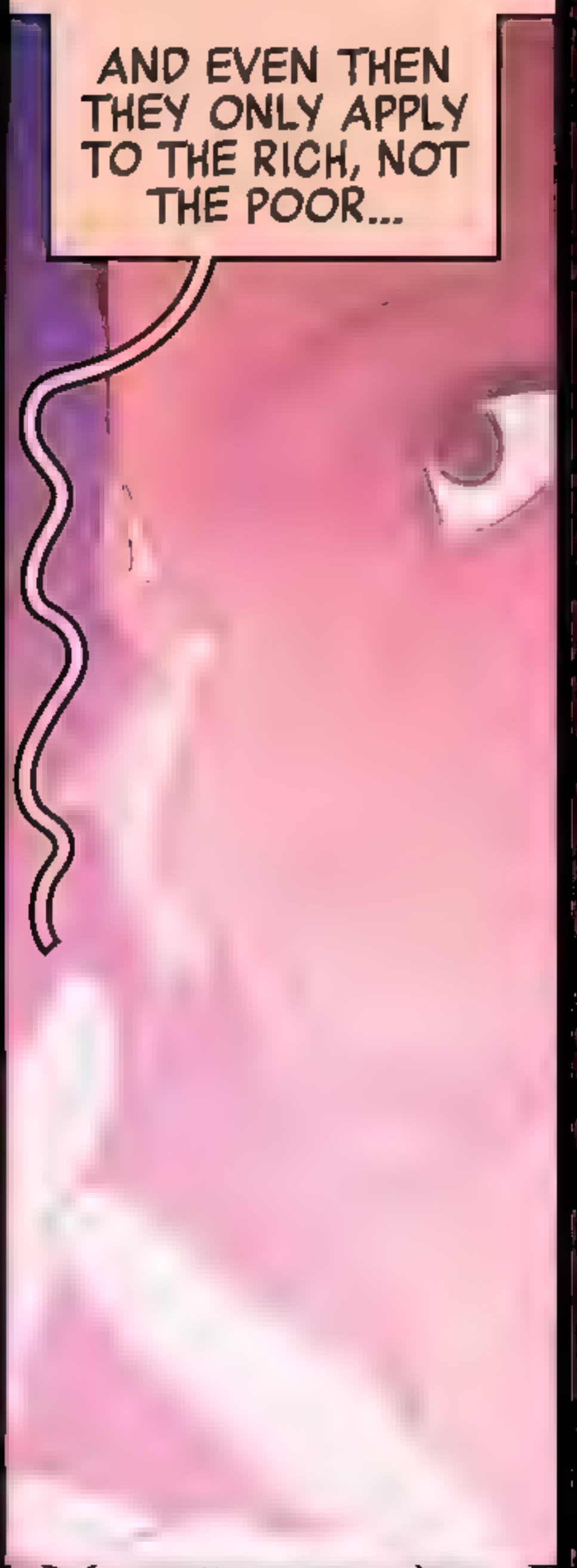


...BUT HUMANS IN THE RICH COUNTRIES EAT WELL FROM THE PAIN OF THOSE IN THE POOR-- IN CITIES MADE GIANT BY CONQUEST AND EMPIRE.

FOR ANY OF THEM TO JUDGE US IS NAUGHT BUT DELUSION.

YOU HAVE WELL-PRACTICED ARGUMENTS...AS YOU HAVE HAD A LONG TIME TO PRACTICE THEM.

AND EVEN THEN THEY ONLY APPLY TO THE RICH, NOT THE POOR...



...YOU WERE A PRIEST FOR ALL THOSE YEARS. YOU TALKED TO THE GODS. AND I THINK...

...WHAT AN UNFAITHFUL PRIEST YOU PROVED YOURSELF TO BE...

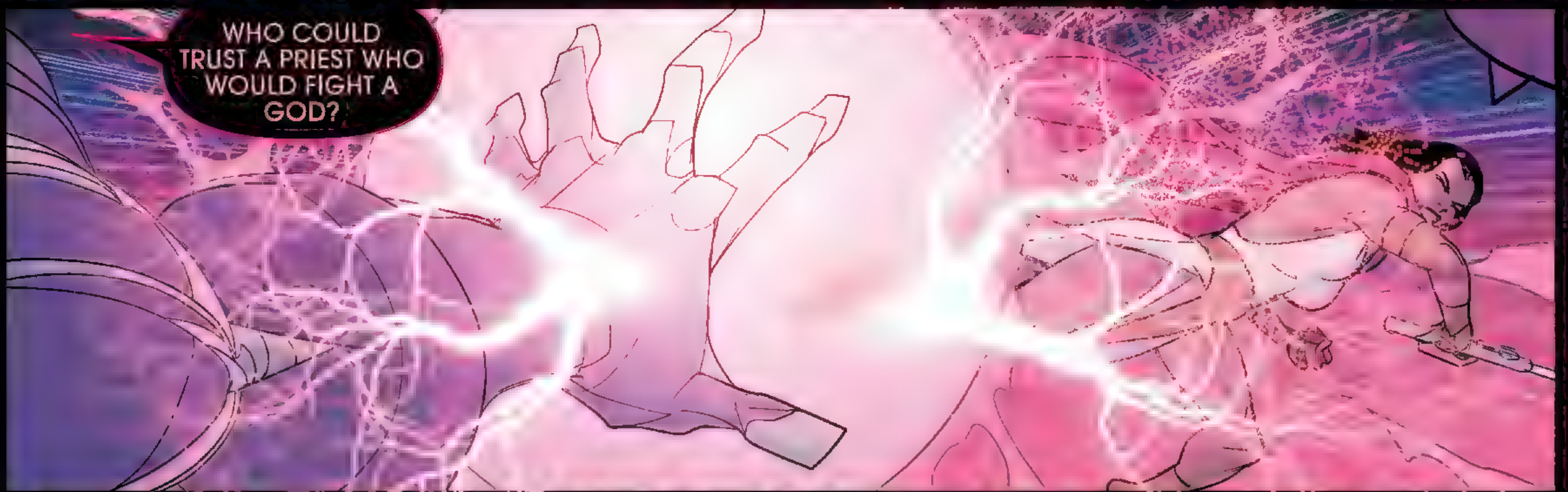




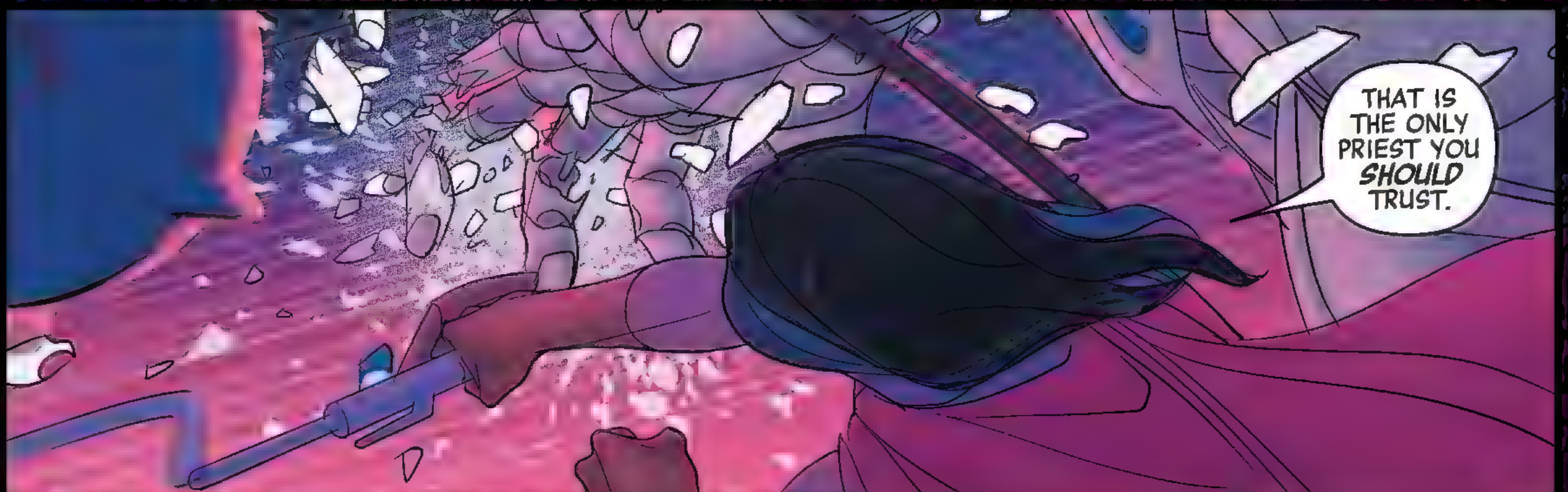
BEFORE YOU CREATED ME, YOU SUMMONED THE GHOST OF THE PROGENITOR.

YOU THRASHED THAT GOD ONCE GIVEN THE CHANCE.

NOW YOU EXPECT THE NEW INHABITANT OF THIS BODY TO BELIEVE YOU ARE TRUE?



WHO COULD TRUST A PRIEST WHO WOULD FIGHT A GOD?

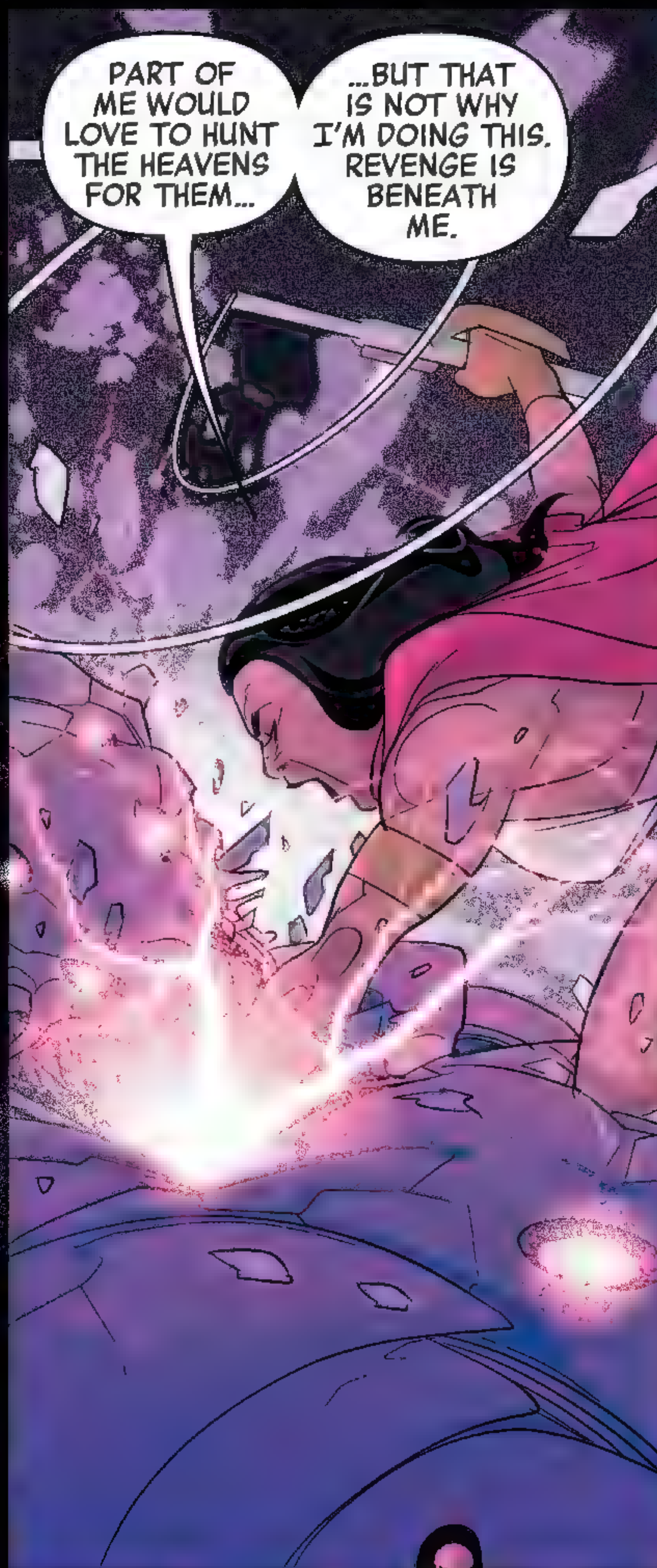


THAT IS THE ONLY PRIEST YOU *SHOULD* TRUST.



I SERVED MY GODS FAITHFULLY UNTIL THE TRUTH OF OUR NATURE WAS REVEALED.

THEY FAILED ME, NOT ME THEM.



PART OF ME WOULD LOVE TO HUNT THE HEAVENS FOR THEM...

...BUT THAT IS NOT WHY I'M DOING THIS. REVENGE IS BENEATH ME.



I BELIEVE IN A TRUE GOD, AND ALL MY THRASHING OF THE OLD WAS PART OF MAKING THE NEW.

ONLY WHEN **YOU** FREE US CAN WE EVEN DREAM OF PERFORMING PENANCE.

ALL COSTS ARE WORTHWHILE TO DELIVER OUR DAMNED PEOPLE AND MAKE A BETTER WORLD.



I WOULD MURDER A **MILLION** FALSE GODS FOR THE CHANCE OF **ONE** THAT IS TRUE.



I AM MANY THINGS, MY GOD.

BUT I AM NOT A HYPOCRITE.

YES...

...IT WOULD BE BETTER
FOR EVERYONE IF
YOU WERE,

A PRIEST OFFERING
EMPTY PIETIES IS
NOTHING COMPARED
TO THE HARM A
FANATIC LIKE YOU
CAN DO.

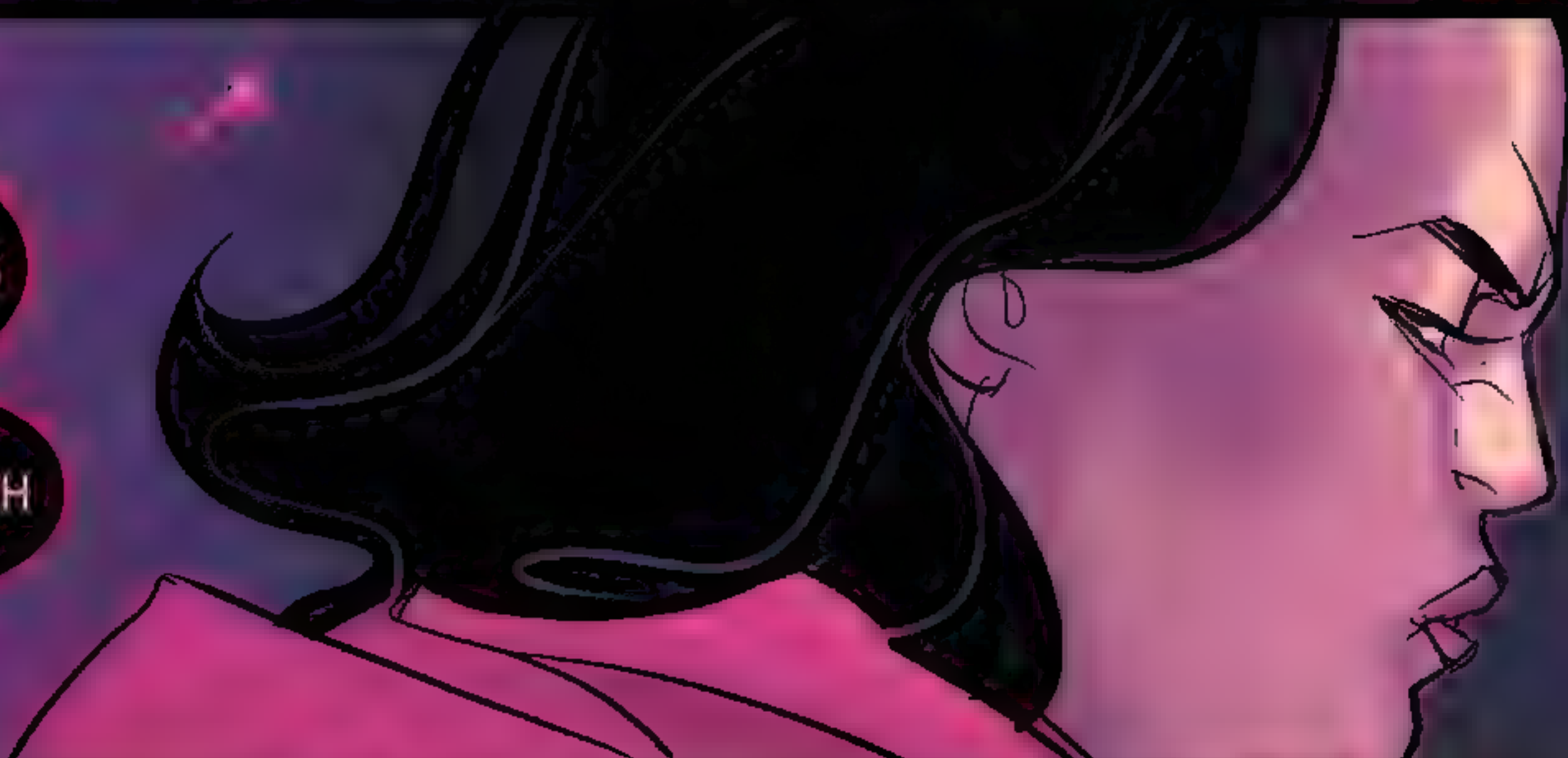


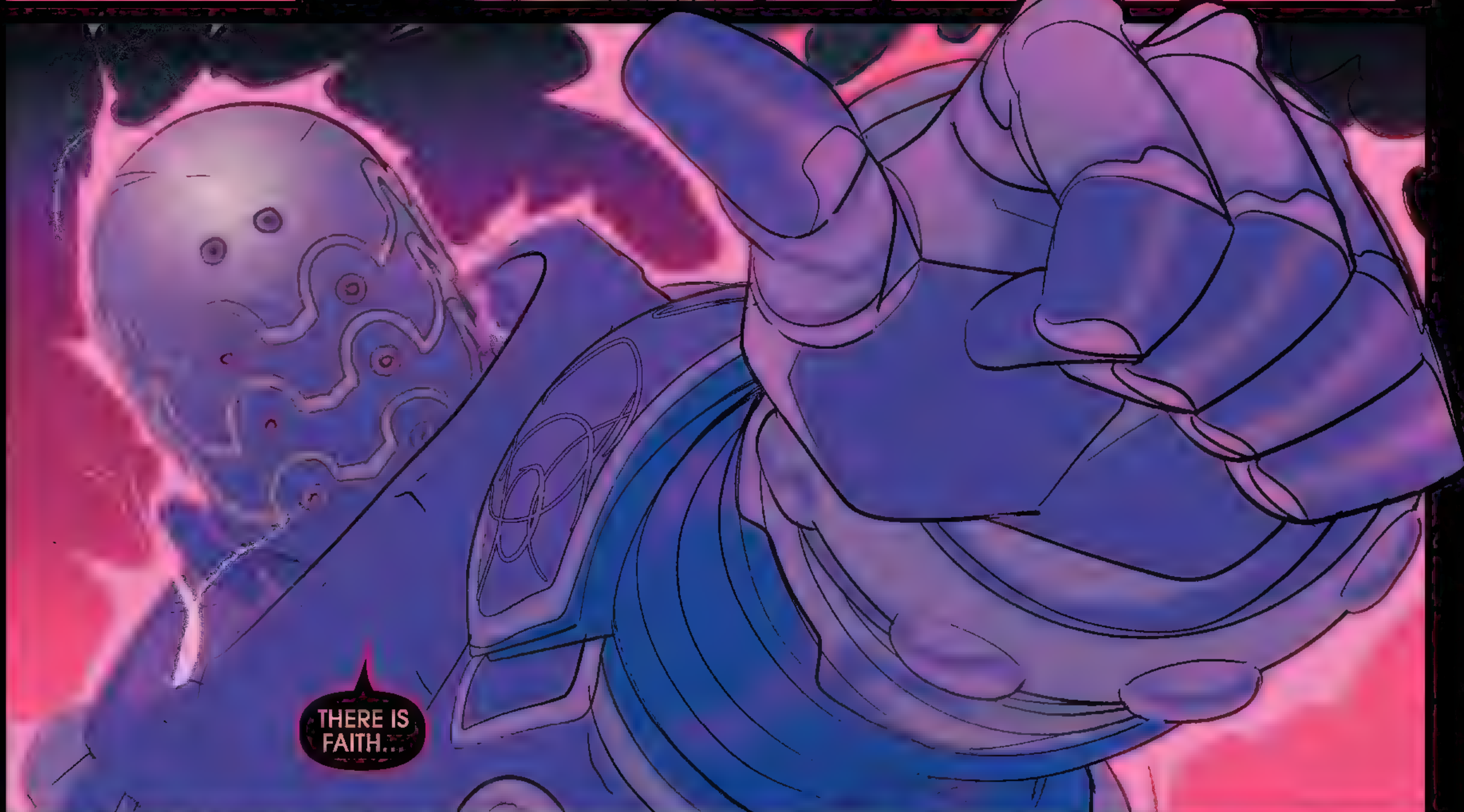
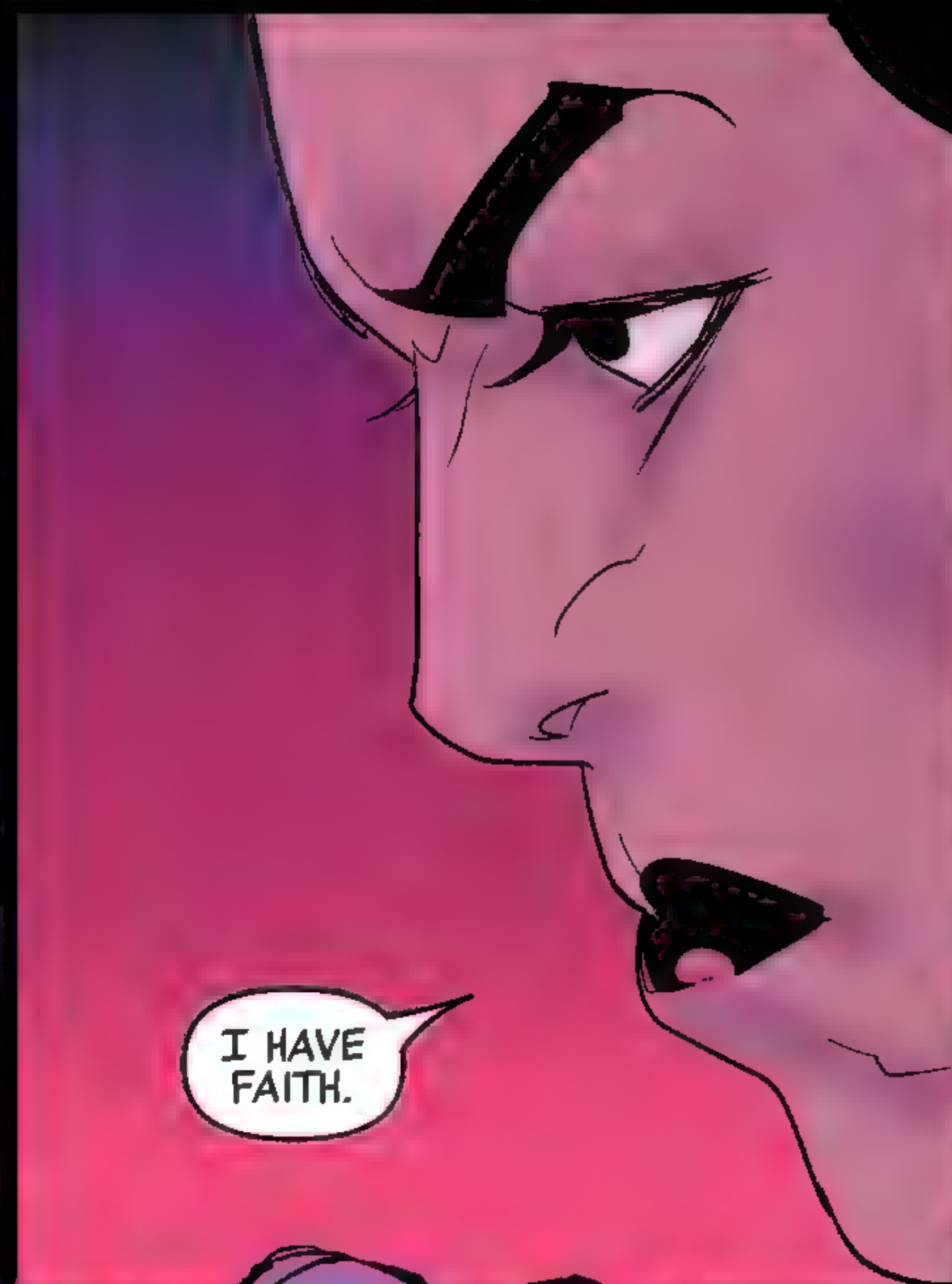
IT IS
NOT **CELESTIALS**
YOU HAD TO KILL
TO MAKE ME.

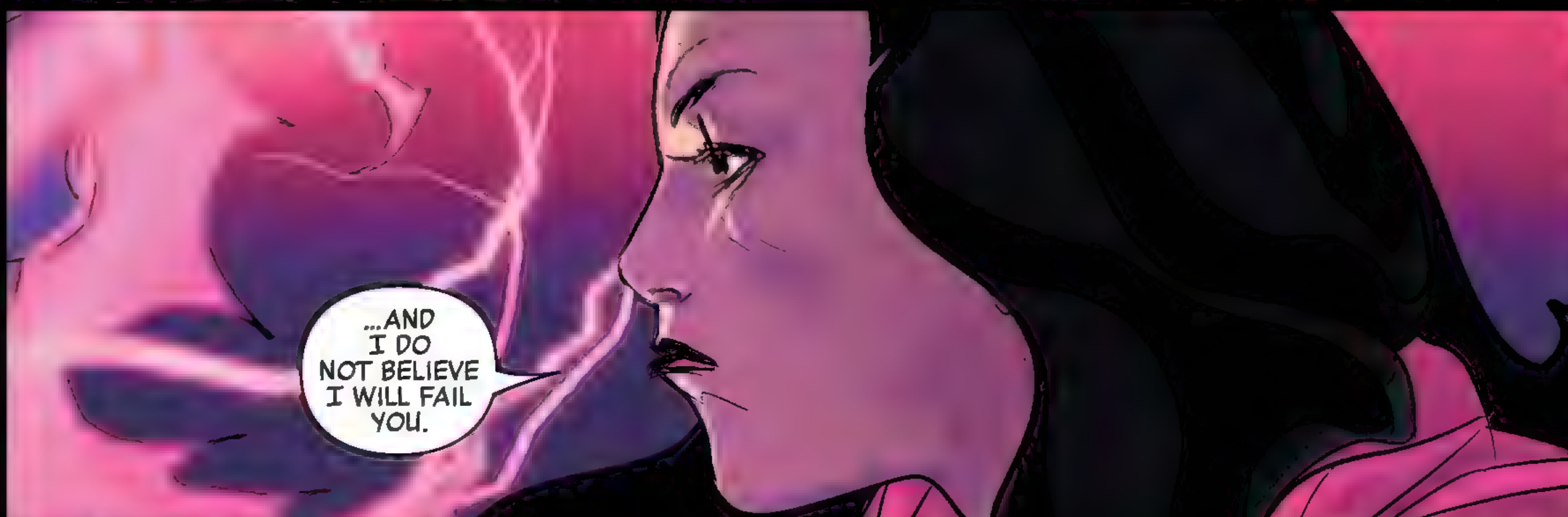


THIS IS
WHAT YOU HAVE
DONE TO ALL THE CITIES
OF EARTH TO BIRTH
YOUR GOD.

COULD I
EVER BE WORTH
IT NOW?







VERY WELL.

YOUR PSYCHIC
FIREWALLS WERE
COMPROMISED TO
ALLOW JEAN GREY TO
MITIGATE THE FIRST
PRINCIPLE.

I HAVE REACTIVATED
YOUR FIREWALL.

THERE WILL BE A FINAL CONFLICT...
AND THERE YOU WILL HAVE
FREEDOM.

WITH
THE FIRST
PRINCIPLE,
THERE IS NO
FREEDOM!

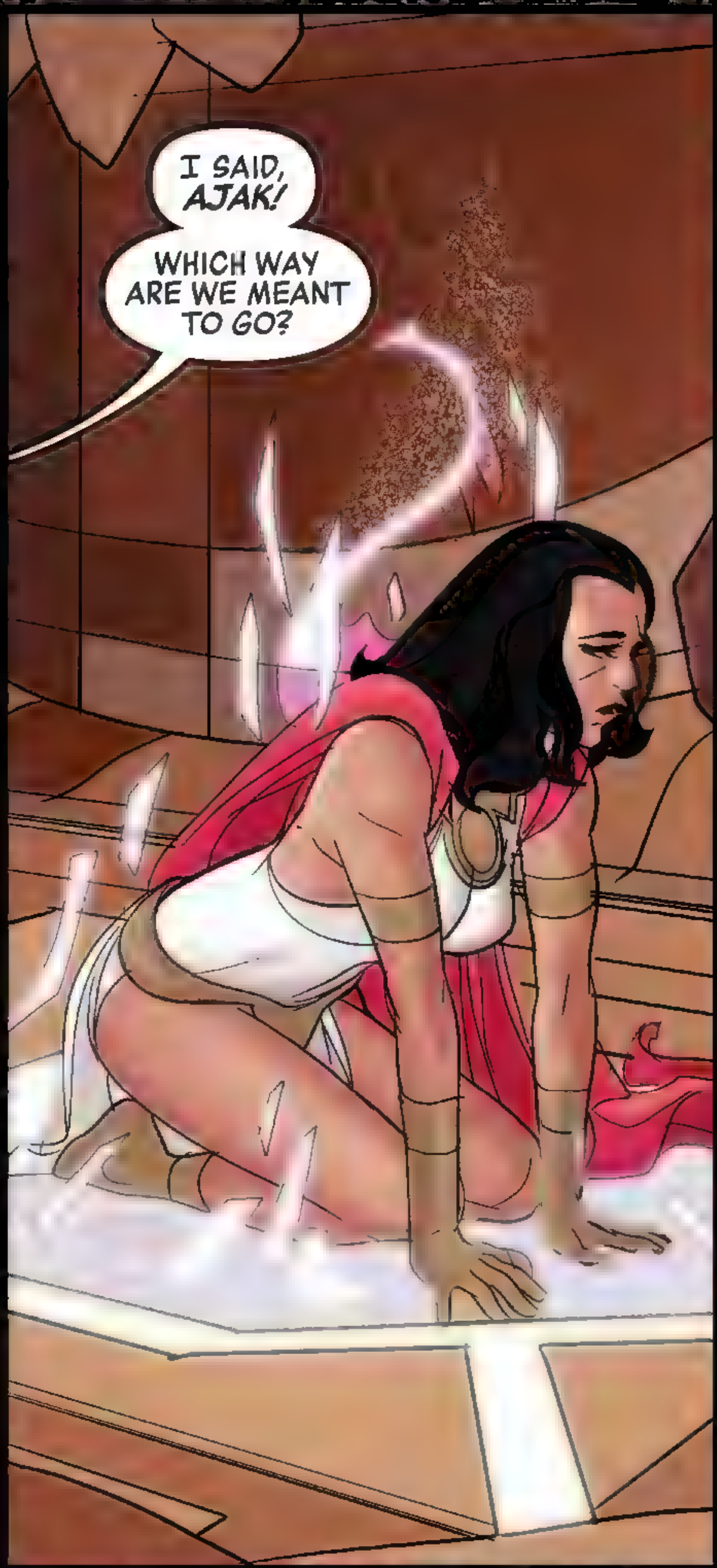
I CAN
NO SOONER HARM
YOU OR ALLOW YOU
TO BE HARMED THAN I
CAN REVERSE THE FLOW
OF THE STARS IN
THE SKY.

PERHAPS LESS SO. WITH
ENOUGH TIME AND
EQUIPMENT, I COULD
INVERT THE SKY'S
PATTERNS.

BUT THE
FIRST PRINCIPLE
IS THE FIRST
PRINCIPLE.

IN THOSE
FINAL MOMENTS,
YOU WILL HAVE TRUE
FREEDOM, MY
PRIEST AND
CREATOR.

WHATEVER
THAT MEANS.



I SAID,
AJAK!
WHICH WAY
ARE WE MEANT
TO GO?



I KNOW
THE WAY.



THIS
SHAFT.
IT
SHOULD
TAKE US
THERE.



ARE YOU
SURE?

NO, OF
COURSE I'M NOT
SURE...



TO BE CONTINUED IN
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NEXT

The apocalyptic climax of the event of the year. It's not that nothing will be the same again--it's that unless heroes can find a new way to be heroes, everything will be nothing forever.

